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BYGONE DAYS RECALLED BY OLD RESIDENT

Cornelius deRegt Gives Impressions of Old Times on Hill in Life Interview

WAS FORMER SUPERINTENDENT

Lived on Hamilton Campus for Over Forty Years

"I'll tell you it's quite an education to live for 40 years on the Hamilton campus, without going to a single recitation," observes Cornelius deRegt, aged 83, of Clinton, who was formerly Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds on the Hill, in an interview with a **Life** reporter. For 40 years, or from 1874 until 1915, Mr. deRegt held this position and is proud eighteen or nineteen hundred students of the fact that he knew intimately who are now men scattered to every part of the world.

"The students seemed like an older bunch," Mr. deRegt went on, "tho I suppose that was due largely to the fact that the seniors were a bewhiskered crew." There was a great deal more rowing and hazing than the present generation knows anything about. For the first two weeks of college no freshman ever dared to venture out unaccompanied by an upperclassman, for the sophs always got them if they could.

In those days the various classes had particular recitation rooms. The seniors were in the south end of South College, while the juniors occupied the north end. The sophomore classrooms were where the laboratories are now situated in the gymnasium, while the "slimers" were left to the back side of North. Not infrequently the windows in these classrooms were smashed out and the stoves with which the rooms were heated carried away. The placing of live stock in the classrooms seems to be a Hamilton tradition. To hold classes was impractical. Indeed, so deplorable did the situation become that Mr. deRegt had to resort to making early morning rounds to see that all way in order.

A further outcrop of this mischievous sentiment was the habit of stealing the pulpit, the hymnals, the pulpit Bible, and even the benches from the Chapel. Mr. deRegt recalls that on one occasion within the first three months of the college year he found every bench and the pulpit gone from the Chapel. After a long search, they were found scattered down in Root's Glen, in back of Little Greek's, and around the old North house, now used as a dormitory. "Well, we had the morning service as usual and on time, too, but the benches didn't look very handsome," this veteran concluded.

The old time football field was located in front of the gymnasium, one goal being just in front of North, the other in front of the Chapel near the Alexander Hamilton monument. The present golf course and athletic fields were then under cultivation, the college line running just west of the present chemical laboratory.

During the years that Mr. deRegt was associated with Hamilton, there were three presidents, Dr. Brown, Dr. Darling, and Dr. Stryker. "Each," he says, "was good in his own way. I think Dr. Brown was by all odds the greatest scholar; he held degrees from all over. Dr. Darling was more of the Presbyterian minister type,

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CALENDAR

Tuesday

Instrumental Club rehearsal at 9.

Try-outs for Charlatans in Commons at 9.

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday

Tea dance at the Theta Delta Chi House at 4:30.

Dance at the Delta Upsilon Lodge at 9.

Sunday

Chapel Preacher: Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, St. Paul, Minn.

DRAMATIC ART CLASS TO PRESENT PLAYS

Choir Will Aid in Presenting Annual Miracle Plays

A Miracle Play of the edition of Christmas Miracle Plays last used here four years ago will be presented in the Hall of Commons by the class in dramatic interpretation under the direction of Prof. Fancher, on the Sunday evening before Christmas. Plays similar to this one have been regularly presented for the last few years.

This year's Miracle is based on the plays put on by the various guilds in the city of Coventry during the 15th and early part of the 16th centuries. It is among those viewed by Henry VI and Richard III. Reference to these plays was made by a preacher in 1526 who advised his people to go to Coventry and see the Christmas plays performed.

The play this year is slightly more humorous than some of those that have been presented in the past, particularly in the Herod scenes. These scenes show the low comedy influence which was instrumental in forcing the plays out of the churches into the court yard.

The College Choir will make its first public appearance of the current college year at the same time, when it will give its annual recital of Christmas music. During the play the Chorus of the Heavenly Host will also be sung by the choir.

Because of the large number who annually wish to attend this performance, admission will be by card only, in order that the Hall may not be overcrowded.

The parts are as follows:

The Prophet Isaiah, Mosher; Angel Gabriel, Corby; Virgin Mary, Heyl; St. Joseph, Stewart Miller; First Shepherd, Graves; Second Shepherd, Bower; Third Shepherd, Hallock; Nuntius, Beardsley; Herod, Pitcher; First King, Jones; Second King, Estelow; Soldier, Bennett.

THETA DELTS AND D. U.S TO GIVE JOINT DANCES

A joint tea and evening dance will be given on the Hill next Saturday by the members of Delta Upsilon and Theta Delta Chi. The tea dance will be held at the Theta Delt House between 4 and 7. Dinner will be served there to the members of both houses and their guests. The evening dance at the D. U. House will start at 9 and last until 12.

It is expected that Mrs. Glenn M. Prescott and Mrs. W. B. Sherwood of Utica will ait as chaperones at both houses. Music will be furnished by Ray Brown's Orchestra of Syracuse. All upperclassmen are invited to attend the parties.

"The Talisman," First Hamilton Periodical, Published In 1832

The Only Bound Volume of Early Publications, Containing Papers Issued for Two Years by Senior Class of College, Preserved in Library—Many Interesting Topics Found in Index of Volume.

(The following is the first of a series of five articles dealing with former Hamilton publications. Ed. Note.)

It is only through rare good fortune that **Life** is able to present to its readers this story of days gone by. Few people know about the publications which have been produced at one time or another at Hamilton. Still fewer realize that as far back as 1832, the senior class of Hamilton College conducted a college publication. This periodical, known as "The Talisman," was issued for two years, from 1832-33 to 1833-34. Eight numbers of the paper were published yearly. The two volumes which resulted were luckily bound and are now contained in one bound volume, of which the only copy in existence is owned by the College Library. The Library was enabled to secure this volume through the kindness of S. C. Rodgers of Albany, who sent them here, and also of Miss Louise Dwinelle, daughter of John W. Dwinelle, L.L.D., '34.

The eight numbers comprising the two volumes of "The Talisman" contain about 32 pages each. Thus, 35 years before "Lit" was begun by the class of '67, Hamilton had a nearly monthly publication. In a printed clipping, pasted in the front of the invaluable volume containing "The Talisman," are these words, in part, concerning this amazing publication: "It must have been an early venture, even as among all the colleges. Some articles are initialed. There is very little of local color. If we could have the gossip of the college in those troubled years, it would be interesting indeed." Contained in these two years' issues of "The Talisman" are many articles which are very nearly the "gossip of the college"—probably as nearly the gossip of the college as will ever come to light. And it is "interesting indeed."

The clipping continues: "One article does reflect the college hopes of that time—the leader of the second volume, on 'Hamilton College,' printed in December, 1833. This octogenarian relic will to go to Library treasures. It echoes the days of Eells, and Litchfield, and Bradford, and Oren Root, 1st, and Tom Seward, and Huntington, and Underwood. Its issue and its recovery suggest the dates of Halley's comet. It is a souvenir and a trophy. Name of good omen! Would that one could walk about the campus now with some of those academic ancestors of ours and seek their approval of our fast hold of their prophetic traditions. But all are gone of that first quarter of our century. In 1975 who will ponder the story of this grey eld?" Reading this article probably 50 years after its writing, the reader may well ask the same question.

Looking over the index of this volume, the reader sees titles of articles such as these: "Ancient and Modern Philosophy"; "Art of Pleasing"; "College Honors"; "Fascination"; "Female Benevolent Societies"; "Mathematical Problems"; "Physical Beauty and Sublimity", etc. Articles on diverse subjects of this sort are interspersed with fiction and poetry, the titles of which effusions are to be found in the index.

The pages of the volume are faded, but generally in good condition. Everything throughout the book is perfectly legible. On the flyleaf, in the beautifully symmetrical handwriting of the olden days, is written several times: "Presented by E. North." Again on the first page of the first number is "Presented by E. North, July 1838."

The first article of the first issue of Hamilton's first publication is, appropriately, one in introduction. The line under the title, in smaller letters, reads: "A good outset is half the voyage." The writer declares: "Upon me, kind reader, has devolved the task of ushering this new-born publication into the world, and I am confident that you will join with me in the assertion that duty is one of no ordinary nature—Excellent as are the contents of the first number of this journal, believe me when I assure you, that in its progress, nothing short of perfection will be the object of attainment."

Throughout this remarkable volume are found articles on every kind of subject. The writing is heavy and elegant and painstaking, being very different from the familiar style of college writing today. The fiction and poetry printed are often exceedingly well written. None of the articles are signed, except occasionally by one or two initials. The articles are often personal. Many of them are directly concerning the Hamilton of the early years of the last century, and all of them shed light in one way or another upon the life and thought of the predecessors of the present undergraduates on the Hill.

M. M. AND NEWMAN CLUBS STAGE JOINT MEETING

Religious tolerance and a more appreciative understanding of the other man's religion was proved to be on the increase at Hamilton when, for the first time in the history of the College, a joint meeting of the M. M. and the Newman Clubs was held at the Chi Psi Lodge last Wednesday evening. The M. M. Club is composed of Protestants while the Newman Club is the undergraduate Catholic organization.

Dr. Philip S. Bird of the First Presbyterian Church of Utica addressed the joint meeting of the two clubs on "Protestant Christianity." He discussed at some length the many interests which Catholics and Protestants have in common and expressed his interest in this new movement at Hamilton College ,wihch he considers both novel and worth-while. Father Shannon of Clinton attended the meeting as a representative of the Catholic Church.

The spirit of the meeting was excellent and members of both clubs, of which there were about 30 present, took part with real enthusiasm.

The meeting of last week was held by the M. M. Club, being the first of two meetings planned by the two organizations. Another meeting, planned by the Newman Club, will be held within two or three weeks. Father Dwyer of Clinton, who is at present in Europe, has been secured to address the clubs at that time.

—Benjamin D. Meritt, '20, has been appointed Assistant Director and Secretary of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece.

—Theodore R. Davies, '25, is practicing law in Canton. He spent a year at Columbia in preparation for this work.

CHARLATANS WILL PLAY NEW HUGHES' SUCCESS

"Hell Bent for Heaven," a play in three acts by Hatcher Hughes, has been selected for presentation by the Charlatans, President Goodwin announced last week. Try-outs for positions on the cast will be held in Commons Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, following the various fraternity meetings.

The play, which proved highly successful when presented in New York and on the road, deals with religious fanaticism and its effects. It is intensely dramatic and offers many real opportunities for fine acting. Altho the play is very serious in tone and has little comedy to enliven it, its unrelieved tenseness serves only to heighten the powerful character analysis and vital drama of the piece.

Several copies of the play, arranged as to parts, have been placed at the librarian's desk in the library, and may be obtained there. Every undergraduate who is interested in dramatics is urged to compete for a position on the cast.

Arrangements for presenting the play have not been completed, but it is expected that it will be played in Utica, as well as on the Hill, at some date in the early part of the winter.

—Alexander Woollcott, '09, essayist and New York dramatic critic, was a week-end guest of Professor P. A. Fancher.

—L. S. Mulford, '22, of Binghamton was married to Miss Cecelia Creagh early last usmmer. Mulford is at present manager of the classified advertising department of the Binghamton Press.

—H. Newell Holley, '26, is connected with the bond department of the Harris Trust Company of Chicago.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 24	Colgate	at Hamilton
Oct. 1	Clarkson	at Clinton
Oct. 8	Rochester	at Rochester
Oct. 15	Amherst	at Clinton
Oct. 22	Trinity	at Hartford
Oct. 29	Middlebury	at Clinton
Nov. 5	Haverford	at Haverford
Nov. 12	Union	at Clinton

TWO TEAMS ADDED TO GRID CHART FOR 1928

Clarkson and Middlebury Replace St. Lawrence and Worcester

A schedule of eight games for the 1927 football season was announced by the Athletic Department Tuesday. With two exceptions the same teams will be met next year that were played in the past season. Clarkson Tech will replace St. Lawrence in a game to be played on the Hill on Oct. 1 and Middlebury will meet the local aggregation on Steuben Field on Oct. 29, in place of Worcester Tech. Both Clarkson and Middlebury usually have strong teams and next year should prove no exception. It will be remembered that three years ago Middlebury defeated Harvard.

As usual Hamilton will play four games on the Hill and four games away from home. The Buff and Blue will pry the lid off its 1927 season with the second of its revived series with Colgate. The Maroon will be met on Whitnall Field at Hamilton on Sept. 24. The next encounter is the one with Clarkson on the local gridiron on Oct. 1. On Oct. 8 Coach Carroll's outfit will journey to Rochester to meet the University of Rochester aggregation. Amherst, this year's Little Three champions, is the fourth team to be played in a contest on the Hill on Oct. 15. The following Saturday, Oct. 22, will see the Hamilton squad in Hartford, Conn., to play Trinity.

On Oct. 29, Middlebury, the other new team on the schedule, will be engaged here. The Buff and Blue will play its next game in Haverford, Pa., where it will meet the Haverford College team on Nov. 5. In the last game of the season, Union's Garnet warriors will [illegible] up to Clinton from Schenectady to meet the locals on Nov. 12. This schedule is one of the hardest and most ambitious that a Buff and Blue grid squad has had in years and should provide local football lovers with plenty of exciting contests.

It will be interesting to note the effect of the one-year rule in next year's games. The men trained on the Frosh team this year should prove greatly benefitted by the extra year's experience and prove themselves valuable additions to the varsity squad next year. Although the Hill team will lose heavily through graduation this June, the members of the yearling squad, if the one-year rule is to prove effective, should be able to fill their positions capably.

—Word has recently been received of the deaths of Rev. Robert D. Mc Lean, '76, of Los Angeles, Cal., on Nov. 6; William S. Carter, '79, of North East, Pa., on Nov. 1; and Edward A. Dean, '87, of Lackawanna, on Oct. 29.

TWO VICTORIES IS GRID TEAM'S SEASON RECORD

Football Team Loses Six Out of Eight Contests in Mediocre Season

WORST DEFEAT AT UNION

Rochester and Trinity Fall Before Hamilton Eleven

With a 36-0 defeat at the hands of Union a little more than a week ago, Hamilton closed another mediocre season in football. Six out of the eight games scheduled for the season resulted in defeats, although on only one occasion did an opponent run up over 20 points against Hamilton.

At the opeinng of college, prospects for a successful season appeared exceptionally bright. With an entire veteran squad and the discovery of Bush to strengthen the backfield, it was expected that the team would easily surpass last year's combination despite the fact that the Williams game had been replaced by Colgate.

In the opening game of the season, favored by weather conditions and the shortened periods, the Hill eleven was able to hold Colgate to a 19-0 victory. Despite the fact that they were outweighed by the visitors the Hamilton men still showed flashes of real form.

The Buff and Blue dropped its second match of the season to St. Lawrence, on the latter's field. Although this game, after the manner of most of the rest during the season, was a moral victory, the Larries were on the long end of a 14-0 score.

The first victory of the season came over Rochester the week following. The fact that Hamilton was showing a little of its preseason form coupled with the fact that Rochester had a very weak eleven accounted for the 20-0 score.

Against Amherst the week following, the Hill team played what was probably its best football of the season, although it lost 14-0. The line held firm throughout and the backfield made more first downs than did the winners, but the lack of an adequate pass defense, which marred the defense work throughout the season, cost the game.

Showing a distinct reversal of form from the Amherst game, Hamilton lost to Haverford in what should have been an easy victory. The following Saturday the Hill team again lost another moral victory to Worcester, 6-5. In the final home game of the season, the Buff and Blue played real football to beat Trinity 27-0. With the edge in its favor because of its showing against Amherst, Hamilton dropped the final game of the year to Union 36-0.

—William S. Hooper, '26, is attending the University of Wisconsin Law School at Madison, Wis.

—Alphonso B. Walrath, '26, is working for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in New York.

—J. Avery Merwin, '26, is connected with the Woolworth Company in Washington, D. C.

—William H. Spice, Jr., '22, who has been in the employ of the Marland Oil Co. in San Antonio, Tex., has been transferred to Venezuela, where he has been assigned a position of considerable importance.

Instrumental Club Try-outs Show Promise of a Successful Season

This year's Instrumental Club will be unusually successful if the good work done in the try-outs last Thursday evening is any indication of the results to be expected. Nearly 15 freshmen as well as several members of the other classes competed for positions.

Announcement has not yet been made as to the number that will be taken in the Club because it is as yet unknown how many will be permitted to go on the annual trip to New York. It is hoped that an orchestra of 15 pieces can be organized. This will be considerably larger than during the past few years and it is hoped that correspondingly better results can be obtained.

The personnel of last year's club is practically intact and will form a good basis for this year's organization. Rehearsals will start at once, according to Leader Preston, but will be held only often enough to keep the Club in the best possible form. The program will range from semi-classical numbers to modern dance music, but no definite selections have as yet been made. It is planned to have several feature numbers, one of which may be a trio from the Glee Club with the Instrumental Club in accompaniment.

The fact that several of the members of the Club are constantly in practice with the Buff and Blue Orchestra is also a decided advantage, and there is every reason to believe that the season will be a success. All of the performances will be held, as usual, in conjunction with the Glee Club.

The first engagement will probably be in Utica. It is hoped that the Easter trip to New York can be somewhat extended this year to include several more concerts than in the past.

Mid-Semester Warnings Reveal Math as Hardest Frosh Subject

Last Tuesday warnings were issued to 130 underclassmen who are failing in one or more subjects. Of these, 96 are freshmen and 34 sophmores. As usual there are certain subjects which stand supreme in the art of flunking men. For the freshmen, Math. retains its supremacy by failing 35 men. French is the runner-up with 24 men, and Latin takes third place with 18. An astonishing decrease is noticeable in the number of men failing Greek this year. Only two men are posted in this subject as compared with 14 a year ago.

For the sophomores, English Literature with 17 failures exacts the largest toll. Philosophy runs a poor second with seven men posted.

Out of 34 sophomores posted, one-half of that number is failing in two or more subjects, while seven, if they continue at the present rate, will be out of college after this semester. Forty-five of the 96 freshmen posted are failing in two or more subjects, and 14 are at present failing to pass sufficient hours to permit them to remain in college after January.

It is interesting to note that there are far fewer failures in the science courses than in the languages and other art subjects. Whether this is because the latter subjects are more difficult, or because fewer men elect science is open to conjecture.

Athletics can hardly be blamed for the large number of men failing, as by far the majority of men whose names appear on the lists have not been out for any Fall sport.

The warnings have appeared this year two weeks earlier than last year. This additional two weeks' time should give the men whose names are posted a better opportunity to reach a passing grade in their work by the end of the semester.

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The Coaching Situation

It is unfortunate that a general discussion of the coaching staff of any college can be precipitated only by an unusually poor season or by an overwhelming defeat. But it is obvious that editorial comment is most valuable during a period of general discussion of the problem in hand; and such discussion at Hamilton has been precipitated by the poor football seasons of the past few years, culminating in the defeat at Schenectady this year.

We sincerely hope that the time will never come when football coaches at Hamilton are criticized merely because they fail to produce winning teams. In the very nature of things Hamilton cannot hope to produce consistently winning teams in football. Small enrollment, high entrance conditions, stiff scholarship requirements, and the complete lack of athletic scholarships are not conducive to securing and retaining a large number of brilliant athletes. If the time should ever come when Hamilton consistently wins three-fourths of its football games against larger colleges, then the world can rest assured that there is something rotten at Hamilton.

But we do believe that the football coaches at Hamilton have failed woefully in developing the material at hand during the last four or five years. Not a single man was lost from the varsity team this year; in fact, two rather promising prospects were discovered. Yet to even the casual observer it is apparent that the Hamilton football team played no better football this year than it did last. Furthermore, there was no consistent improvement in team play during the season. If anything, the team played worse in the last game than it did in the first.

Hamilton's defeats during the past season, however, point a no more accusing finger at the coaches than do the victories. In beating Rochester and Trinity, Hamilton can take no particular pride. In fact Hamilton should have won both of those games by much larger scores. In victory, as in defeat, evidences of poor coaching cropped out repeatedly. A complete lack of an adequate forward passing attack, an astounding inability to devise a defense for the aerial attacks of opponents, consistently ineffectual attempts at removing even the defensive end on end-runs, and an all too evident ignorance of the fundamentals of tackling and blocking were as apparent in victory as in defeat.

As members of the Hamilton faculty, the football coaches are giving a very highly elective course. Men who go out for football are centainly far more interested in that subject than is the ordinary student in the average course. Otherwise he would not give up so much time and effort for so little return. The football squad should be, accordingly, the most promising kind of material for a teacher to work with. But we doubt if many of the seniors on the squad know any more about football today than they did four years ago. Some of them have developed physically since coming to college and the experience of varsity action has improved their playing to some extent, but surface indications would lead one to believe that their knowledge of football is not more profound than it was when they entered Hamilton.

Our main contention is not that the coaches have failed to win football games, but that they have failed, as memebrs of a college faculty, to teach their students what they should know. The obvious reason for their failure to do so is their ignorance of the methods of teaching football. With all due respect to the playing ability of the coaches, whose clean-cut sportsmanship is admired by all the undergraduates at Hamilton, neither of them are products of schools of physical education.

In which connection we wish to mention one of the most glaring faults which can be found with the football coaches at Hamilton. Failure on the part of the faculty members to spend their vacations improving their teaching ability to some extent, either by travel or by study, would, we feel certain, be greeted with disapproval on the part of the administration. Yet, excepting a brief two weeks' course taken by one man, neither of the football coaches has spent any of the past four or five summers attending coaching schools, despite the admitted success of these coaching shcools.

"The Shouting and the Tumult Dies."

The people of the United States have practically completed their annual devotions before the altar of intercollegiate football. Every Saturday afternoon during the past two months huge throngs, rivaling in numbers those that attended the gladiatorial combats of ancient Rome, have packed the stadia of this country to overflowing. These crowds, all too often made up of outsiders who have no particular interest in the colleges represented, have come to expect something more than an athletic contest between twenty-two highly trained athletes who are ostensibly students (although they are in reality often employees) of the college which they represent. The crowd looks for glamour, color, excitement, noise, "college spirit." As one able newspaperman put it recently, "the college is putting on a show for the benefit of the public."

Unfortunately intercollegiate football does not stop at preempting the student's Saturday afternoon. Pep meeings, starting from two days to a week before the big games, are necessary to get the proper amount of spirit worked up. A few instances of the drastic means taken to instill college spirit into the hearts of the undergraduates will show the ridiculous heights to wihch intercollegiate football may be carried. Students at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College answered the roll call with a fervent "Beat Washington" in all of their class rooms for several weeks preceding the big game of the year. Separate pep meetings for men and women of St. Lawrence were held every night of the week before the Clarkson game. Colgate University, temporarily abandoning the God of Christianity for that of Football, replaced morning chapel services by pep meetings during the week preceding the Syracuse game.

Through the heathenish worship of this omnipotent god of American colleges, there shines an occasion gleam of undergraduate thought which makes one wonder just how secure the god sits on his pedestal. In a recent issue of "The Dartmouth," undergraduate publication of the educational institution which last year had the best football team in the country, we find the following rather illuminating comment: "Tonight, if we may judge from precedent, the undergraduate body will pack Webster Hall to be filled with a lot of sentimental rot about 'Dear Old Dartmouth'. Not that we object to becoming sentimental about the college; what we do object to is the manner in which the piffle is handed out concerning such a relatively unimportant and insignificant part of our daily existence....."

From the stamping ground of "Gloomy Gil" Dobbie comes the following bit of undergraduate iconoclasm. We quote from a recent editorial in "The Cornell Daily Sun," entitled "Rah! Rah! Rallies, And Rot." "We object. Not because we wish to frown on all expression of enthusiasm and loyalty to alma mater, but because we have, or should have outgrown such demonstrations just as we have outgrown diapers."

To date professional football has failed to reduce intercollegiate football to its proper place in the scheme of things. But once let such thoughts as are quoted above seep into the minds of the undergraduates and the problem of the over-emphasis of intercollegiate athletics will take care of itself.

THE FORUM

Undergraduate Replies to R. F.'s Attack on Carpe Diem

To the Editor of Life:

It is surprising how quickly a man can change his opinions. Perhaps the fact that "R. F., '24" is now an austere member of a dignified high school faculty has helped to reverse his viewpoint, but surely he cannot forget the fact that two short years ago he proudly participated in the "imbecilic baubling" of the very column which he so eloquently condemns; that the only times when he showed any indications of resenting the "public heaping of indignities" were when some remarks were carelessly addressed to him. The greatest injustice that can be done to a member of the faculty, or to any member of the college community, is to intimate that he is incapable of withstanding a joke or two at his expense. If we are to let minor eccentricities or amusing occurrences go by unnoticed, we may as well give up idea of trying to retain that something which all normal individua's are proud to possess—a sense of humor.

Nothing is published in Carpe Diem at which anyone can take offense. The editor sees to that. The column is not a place for the expression tended as a place for the expression of serious criticism, nor is it an outlet for personal grievances. It is designed to satisfy the universal craving to see intimate and personal items in print. Although Mr. R. F. '24's motives in coming to the defense of the downtrodden faculty were undoubtedly altruistic, he shows remarkably poor judgment in assuming that they need his assistance.

A. F., '27.

PI DELT WILL OBSERVE FOUNDER'S DAY DEC, 6

At a meeting of the local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon held Wednesday afternoon in the new publication room, several important matters were considered, among which was the celebration of Founders' Day.

Each year the local chapter attempts to commemorate the founding of the national society of Pi Delta Epsilon, which dates back to 1909, by a program fitting to the occasion. Last year it succeeded in obtaining, as a lecturer, Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation and one of the foremost journalists of the United States. This year a committee, appointed for the purpose, is planning on having a smoker and get-together to which all men connected in any way with any of the publications on the Hill will be invited. The proposed smoker will take place on the evening of Dec. 6, the birthday of the society.

Recognition of the Chaperon, Hamilton's new humorous publication, was discussed, and the Chaperon Board was requested to present a statement as to its policy, financial condition, and system of competition at the next meeting of Pi Delta Epsilon.

Ferris, the local chapter's representative at the 1926 grand convention of journalists held at Berkeley, Cal., last summer, gave a report of the convention, stressing the activities of the various other chapters in the country.

Among other business transacted was the appointment of Ballard as communicating secretary of the local chapter, and the authorization of the purchase of a typewriter which will be placed in the publication room and which will remain the permanent property of Pi Delta Epsilon.

DORM COMMITTEE NAMED

The committee to study the freshman dormitory project has been appointed and consists of Charles A. Miller, chairman, and Robert D. Fraser, representing the Board of Trustees; Professor Squires and Dean Fitch of the faculty; George Sicard, '06, and Charles D. Root, '12, for the alumni; Marvin Howk and Vincent Burns, representing the student body. Dr. Ferry and Mr. Coughlin are also members ex officio of the ocmmittee. Up to this time the committee has not met.

—Among numerous selections from contemporary Alabama poets appearing in the current American Mercury is one entitled "Alabama Twilight," by Carl Lamson Carmer, '14.

—The Hamilton College Symphony Orchestra will continue to hold rehearsals in the Little Theater of the College Chapel Monday evening at 7:30. All men who play instruments and are interested in such an activity are urged to be present at the rehearsals.

—President Ferry addressed the University Club at White Plains on Thursday evening.

—Mayor Thacher of Albany recently announced the appointment of Neile F. Towner, '96, Albany attorney and widely known Democrat, as a member of the Albany Board of Water Supply.

CONFERENCE RULINGS DEFINE ELIGIBILITY

Professor Ristine's Plan Accepted at Meeting

Adoption of a standard athletic record and declaration of eligiblity, to be filled out by all athletes coming under the jurisdiction of the Conference, was the most important business transacted by the New York State Athletic Conference in its annual meeting held at the Alumni Club of the University of Buffalo on Oct. 25. Professor Ristine, who served last year as chairman of the Eligibility Committee of the Conference, presented the athletic record and declaration to the meeting for approval. With slight changes in the wording, the record was adopted as proposed.

The new record and declaration, which is to be filled out by all athletes attending Conference colleges, consists of eight questions to the students. A strict, clearly defined pledge must accompany the declaration. The purpose of the questionnaire, as stated by Professor Ristine in a short preface, is "in order that your athletic history may be a matter of record for the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, and that its Eligibility Committee may pass upon your eligiblity to participate in intercollegiate athletics under the rules of the Conference."

The questions put to the athletes concern their previous athletic history and experience. They are required to state if they have ever played on any athletic team other than one representing an educational institution; if they have ever taught or coached athletics in any form for remuneration, or at all; if they receive any remuneration in any form from their institution for any service to the institution. This declaration must be made out and a pledge affixed by the athlete. It must then be signed by the Director of Athletics.

The rules of eligibility for all colleges in the Conference were continued practically the same as last year. Under these regulations, athletes in the Conference colleges must comply with various qualifications. They must, of course, be bone fide undergraduates in some one of the Conference institutions, and be doing full work in some regular course. The freshman rule goes into effect this year in all contests between member institutions, and has already been in effect in football. This rule states that no student shall participate who has not been in attendance at his institution for a full collegiate year.

Athletes must be up in their studies, must not play with any athletic club in term time, and must not use their athletic ability or knowledge in any way for gain during the college year. No student may play upon the varsity team of his college for more than three years in the aggregate. Pre-season training for football is limited to two weeks.

No definite changes or amendments were made in the rules at the Buffalo meeting. The abolishment of all scouting was proposed, but decision on the matter was postponed. A proposal to bar all transfer students from participation in freshman team games was tabled. A motion to require the enforcement of Conference rules in all non-Conference games was also tabled.

SOPHS LOSE TO FROSH IN CLASS SOCCER GAME

The freshmen proved their superiority in the annual underclass soccer contest on Monday, Nov. 15, by beating the sophs, 2-0. It became necessary to abbreviate the game due to darkness, with the result that only two 10-minute periods were played.

Sophomores and freshmen were about equally matched throughout the game, both teams showing a similar desire to star and the same lack of team work. Generally, no man featured throughout the 20 minutes of actual play. Chan, a varsity player who captained the "rusties," was unable to outwit the nimble work of Lawton's men, who booted the ball twice through Cutter's goal. One score each was made by W. Jenks and Carpenter.

Two points of interest were shown by the occurrence of this game at this time. One was the fact that this is one of the very few inter-class or intra-mural athletic events regularly held on the Hill. The other was the noteworthy ability of several freshmen who, it is hoped, will be out for soccer another season. The lineup:

Sophomores 0	Freshmen 2
Ferry ro	McIntyre ro
Wardwell, ri	Miller, ri
Ingalls, c	W. Jenks, c
Smith, lo	Carpenter, lo
Knox, li	Perry, li
Normile, rh	Carilsle, rh
Chase, ch	Lawton, capt. ch
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Cutter, g	Dickson, g

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Dear Darling R. F., '24:

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But we do wish to congratulate you on your martyrdom in offering to class yourself with a member of Pentagon. Old man, it is swell! It is perfectly elegant! Such whole-hearted sacrifice.....

And so we are giving you this week what you want. Gloat over it, weep over it, laugh yourself into ecstasies over it! But hell and all, old man, don't expect us to do this for you every week!

Cheerio! BONX.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Professor Nelson C. Dale gave his class in Geology 7 a perfectly splendid lecture the other day.

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Mr. John H. Snyder received the excellent grade of High Honor on a quiz recently.

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We respectfully suggest that the freshmen refrain from saying "Hello" to members of the faculty and their wives when encountered on the campus. A much nicer remark would be "How do you do?" or "How the hell are you?"

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Robert DuBois Fowler ('24) is now teaching Biology in a small high school. Mr. Fowler's only science course in college was Poli Sci. We haven't forgotten that he used to be our upperclassman.

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Professor Lewis urges that all undergraduates schedule their Public Speaking Appointments early. Come on, now, fellows, and help the department along by complying with this request.

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We have been enjoying lovely weather here.

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Mr. R. D. Fowler wrote a red-hot letter to "**Life**" last week. Oh, boy!

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Let's all get together and give a l-o-n-g yell for Hamilton. It's a grand old place. But be careful not to fall in Mr. Burton's ditches on your way across the campus. And don't trip over the rockpiles along the roadside. And be sure to walk around the burning leaves in the middle of the paths. Don't forsake the path for the quicksand bordering it, though, or you'll be sorry. And keep away from South or someone will throw a pail of water all over you. Don't be gone long enough to neglect your work—remember, 65 men have to be flunked out this January. But come on out and give a l-o-n-g yell for Hamilton, anyway. It's such a grand old place.

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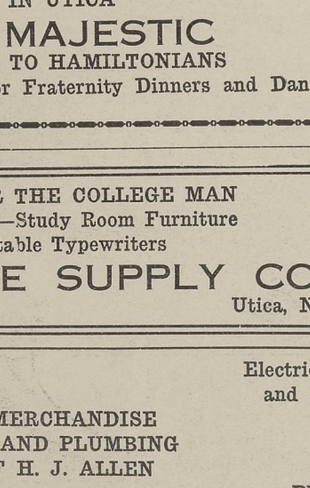
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Saisissez Le Jour

Someone wants to know whoinell elected Carpe Diem to be the college barometer. By the same token Joe Flash must be the college speedometer.

The prize for the week's worst pun goes to E. Chirsty Martin, who referred to one of our august faculty as a Confusionist because he is all confused.

PILL DODGERS.

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A FALSE REPORT

No, gentlemen, the college hasn't new statues for the campus. Those are the men working in Burton's gang.

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Latest Developments of the Great Meader-Bachmann Controversy

Professor S. A. Meader, who greatly resents the publicity recently given Herr Bachmann, has filed his complaint with the proprietors of Carpe. The proprietors, in turn, have decided to be fair to the unfortunate gentleman, and give him what publicity he deserves. His communication follows, in part:

"Here I am," he says, "perhaps one of the most unusual instructors that has ever been on the Hill, and you completely ignore me. I try my best to be eccentric, but all your bouquets are for this miserable Teuton. Now I ask you. Is that any way to act? I admit I am handicapped by my physique, but should that stand in my way? Should my march towards popularity be blocked by such an inconsequential thing as appearance? Bachmann is no Apollo, yet you don't hold it against him. It looks to me like a conspiracy. To tell the truth, gentlemen, I am on the verge of becoming angry."

We will try and remedy this evil in the near future. (Ed. Note.)

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1000 Pardons for exhuming a rather gangreneous subject, but we heard:

A FABLE

Once, in far-off Collegia, there was a Team, behind which stood a loyal Citizenry with Hoarse Throats. Now, the Pilot of these Gladiators was a Gentleman, a Scholar, and withal, kind to Dumb Animals, and never addressed his underlings but in the sweetest of verse; likewise, his Club seldom so far forgot themselves as to function with a Bang. So the Hoarse Ones whispered among themselves, and finally called upon Alira, the Magician, who therewith transfused one one-thousandth of their cheers and imprecations into the mouth of the Pilot on the Proving Grounds. After the team convalesced from Wounded Feelings, the Citizenry had occasion to shout themselves Speechless—Victory spread her wings over the Massive Walls.

Moral: A Whip in the hand beats a Whistle from the Bleachers.

Slo-G.

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CARPE DIEM ON TRIAL FOR HERESY

Apostasy at Shrine of Spiritus Collegii Brings Down Vanguard of Watch and Ward—Also Accused of Fraud—Passed "Imbecilic Geegawings" for 100% Humor

(By Slo-G)

(Special). I was allowed only an instant to speak to Mr. Diem, the accused, in the Publication Room where he is incarcerated while his decorum is under examination. Covering his face as the cameras clicked, he yammered, "Mudpies being what they are, the only statement I have to make is that a wise crack is as broad as it is long."

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Mr. Belden: "What was the barometer I seen you in las' night?"

Rt. Hon. Frank Wilcox: "That wasn't no barometer, that was Carpe Diem."

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We nominate for the Hall of Rotarians Art Browne, THE DEAR FELLOW. (How's that, R. F.?) We think Mr. Browne's oratory—especially before breakfast—is just awfully clever. Why, you can't tell his jokes from the humor of Dr. Patton. (THE DEAR FELLOW, R. F.!)

BONX.

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LIFE'S JOURNALISTIC CONTEMPORARIES

Musical high lights at Rochester University, culled from the "Campus": "The reason we have been sponsoring the scheduled college sings in the past three weeks is primarily to make the bulk of the college body acquainted with the grand old Rochester songs which are not so well known—such songs as 'My Lady Nicotine' and 'The Call of the Genesee!' "

Words of information published in "The Beacon," journalistic organ at Rhode Island: "Listen, you 'Freshies', who are as yet uninitiated into the joys of a 'genuine cornfed' Aggie Bawl. On Nov. 1, you city swells are going to see why four out of five presidents chose a farm for their birthplace."

Anatomical note at the University of Missouri: "Girls of the freshman class shall wear their stockings so that the articulation between the femur and tibia in which the patella shares shall be protected from vicissitudes of weather and inconsistencies of winds, so that male students keep their minds on their lessons."

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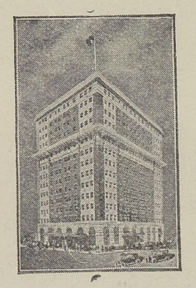
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PHI BETA KAPPA TO BUILD NEW MEMORIAL

Fraternity Will Celebrate Its 150th Anniversary Dec. 5

In this year of sesqui-centennials it is uiqnue that Phi Beta Kappa should also be celebrating its 150th anniversary. Formed Dec. 5, 1776, at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., the society has grown to a national organization of 107 chapters and 50,000 living members, including representatives in every state of the union. This year this great fraternity which combines educational, patriotic, and fraternal ideals, has built a Memorial Hall on the campus at Williamsburg in honor of the 50 founders.

The building is to contain an auditorium for the uses of the college, rooms for the entertainment of guests and a fireproof room for the exhibition and preservation of the accumulating Phi Beta Kappa memorabilia. Its distinguishing feature will be a replica of the historic Apollo Room of Raleigh Tavern in which, it is believed, Phi Beta Kappa was organized, and where its anniversaries were celebrated. Up until this time the national headquarters have been in the secretary's study. Beginning with this year they will be transferred to the College of William and Mary and to this building.

Each chapter is being given a quota which it is hoped the members will strive to fulfill. Individual contributions will give the donor a permanent place in the maintenance of the memorial to the 50 founders, who included such men as John Marshall, Bushord Washington, United States senators and international representatives. The individual gift of the late Francis Phelps Dodge, Yale, '96, who became interested in this ideal, has resulted in the assurance of many hundreds of thousands of dollars from several fields. A systematic canvass is now being made so that every member of Phi Beta Kappa will be reached before Dec. 5.

HISTORY CLUB MEETING HELD LAST WEDNESDAY

At a meeting of the History Club held last Wednesday at the home of Dr. Bonham, several changes were made in the plans of the club in regard to the subjects for discussion at each meeting. Instead of having two reports at each meeting on "American Diplomatic History," only one report is to be given on that subject, while the other topic will be of local interest.

Seminoff, '28, read a paper on the tearties of 1783 between the United States and England and between France and England. Many interesting details of the men making these treaties of 1783 between the United with the intrigues used to accomplish their successful completion.

Lyons, '27, reported on the early history of Clinton. He told of its settlement by Connecticut families and of Samuel Kirkland and his relations with the Oneida Indians. It is thought by most historians that he was kept here by the government because of his friendship with the chief of the Oneidas. He was largely instrumental in bringing about a treaty with this tribe.

"Y" PUSHES RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

According to Arthur Browne, president of the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross membership campaign which began last Thursday has proved very successful. Up to Sunday night there were 110 undergarduates wearing the little cross on their lapels, progress in the work being delayed only because of the lack of membership blanks.

It is expected that 150 or more members will be secured before the campaign is brought to a close on Tuesday night. Of the various crowds, the neutral body has supported the organization best, between 30 and 40 per cent of the neutrals having joined. It is of interest to note that in the campaign in Clinton, which took place at the same time, only 100 members were secured.

The committee which is carrying on the work is headed by Arthur Browne, and is compoesd of the following men: Bowers, Burns, Donahue, Durkee, Hickok, F. C. Ingalls, Kuck, Loomis, MacLean, Mosher, R. H. Ostrander, Roberts, Tyler, and Wylie.

NEXT MOVIE A COMEDY

In "Hold That Lion", Douglas Mc Lean breaks all the rules of big game hunting, and in so doing, furnishes 60 minutes of hilarious action and hair-raising thrills. The picture covers a lot of territory and keeps Mc Lean bouncing around from the opening scene to the final flicker. The action starts in New York, where the girls are beautiful and unusually blonde, but winds up on the African veldt, where the lions are plentiful and unusually hungry.

SWARTWOUT APPOINTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Three chairmen were appointed by President Swartwout of the Senior Class for the committees for the Commencement program in June. Each chairman is to make a list of the men he desires to have work with him, and the full lists of the committees will be made known at a class meeting some time this week.

Vincent T. Burns was made chairman of the Senior Ball committee which takes charge of the dance given each year on the Friday following the last examinations in the spring. George B. Savage was appointed head of the Cap and Gown Committee. H. Jackson King is chairman of the invitation committee.

BYGONE DAYS RECALLED BY OLD RESIDENT

(Continued from page 1)

while Dr. Stryker was the most fiery but withal the greatest pusher." It was during the latter's presidency and while Mr. deRegt was Superintendent of Buildings that most of the present buildings were erected or remodeled. It was in the old college shop on the site of the new library building that Mr. deRegt made most of his acquaintances and formulated his plans.

Before coming to the Hill, Mr. de Regt ran a shop where Burns's store now is. In those days, the "sophs" and the freshmen got out immense posters which they pasted all over the village and everywhere. Those posters were scurrilous things and some were pretty "rank" too. One day a Chi Psi sophomore went into the shop and asked Mr. deRegt to make a tub of good sticky paste. The shopkeeper knew what it was for but he made the paste—and it was good and sticky, too. The next morning the shop windows were so stuck fast with posters that one couldn't see through them. "Well, it served me right," laughingly admitted the paste-maker.

When Professor Frink had charge of the department of oratory, the regular declamation chapel exercises were held on Wednedsays and Saturdays. Always it was a case of talking against the noise of many scuffling feet until the speaker was shouting. Then the noise would stop abruptly and many a student was left yelling, almost scared by his own voice. At the end of the first three or four sentences of his declamation, one man who had "a theatrical notion" was buried under a shower of bouquets of buttercups, dandelions, thistles, and other wildflowers.

Mr. deRegt gets a great deal of satisfaction out of comparing yesterday with today. When he came to this country from Rotterdam, Holland, at the age of four, the trip to New York was 64 days. Today it is made in just over four days. In 1874 he had his first ride on the New York Central Railroad but he complains that the seats were hard. He speaks of a trip from Buffalo to Utica on a canal packet as being "a delightful three-day trip."

Speaking of the radio he remarked, "And to think that that stuff, whatever it is, has been in the air ever since Adam was a yearling and the world's been missing all of this." At the time of the invention of the telephone, an experiment conducted by him in collaboration with Dr. Mears of the philosophy department and Dr. Huntington, professor of physics, resulted in the construction by him of two birch receivers, probably now in "Sam" Saunders's laboratory case. One evening a party was invited to "sit in" on an experiment and from Dr. Mears's home (Elihu Root's summer house) to Dr. Huntington's (the present site of Chi Psi Lodge) was transmitted not only conversation but delightful music. How that old-time party applauded those great wonders! "Humph," sighs Mr. deRegt, "that was nothing", and again he turns to the happy memories of 40 years on College Hill.

FACULTY BRIDGE PARTY HELD AT CHI PSI LODGE

Approximately fifty guests attended a faculty bridge party at the Chi Psi Lodge last Saturday evening. The play, which started about 8 o'clock, was progressive. After seven progressions refreshments were served. The total scores of each player were added and the prizes distributed. Four prizes were given, two to the ladies and two to the gentlemen.

Mrs. Ferry won the first prize for the ladies, and received a desk set in bronze. As second ladies' prize, Mrs. S. E. Gilbert of Utica received a set of bronze bookends, bearing the head of Abraham Lincoln.

Professor Carruth carried off first prize for the men, winning a desk set of scissors. Dr. Hauch won second prize and received bronze bookends bearing the head of Shakespeare.

Don Marquis said that writing merely consists in taking words from the dictionary and sticking them end to end.

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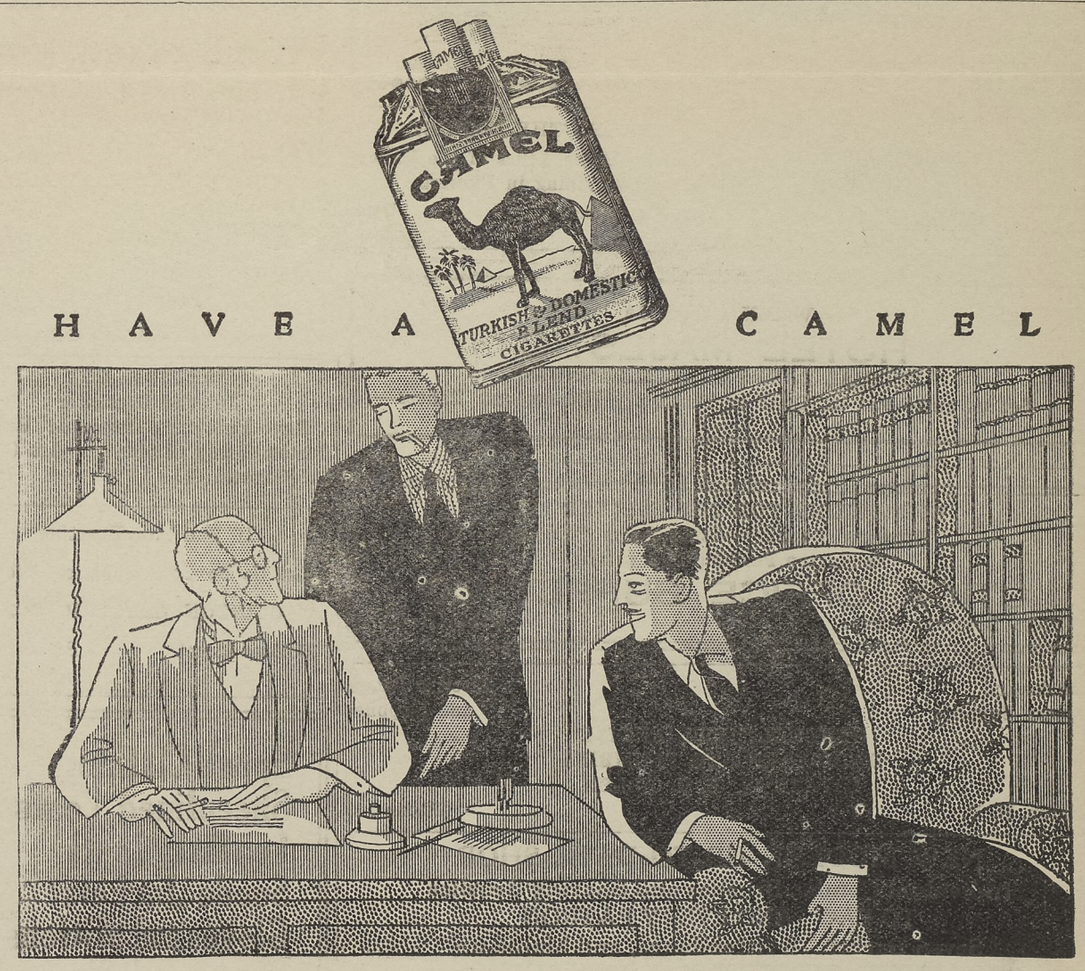

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